



Here we are, already a term into the new school year. Our children are settling well in their new year groups and it is lovely to see their enthusiasm.

DEADLINES

Secondary School Applications for September 2024

Please note that it is now time to apply for a secondary school place for your child in Year 6. The application form is available on the council website at:

<http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions> (Right click and open hyperlink)

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st October 2023.

Applying for a Primary School place for September 2024

If your child has their 4th birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, you need to apply for a school place for September 2024. The application form for completion is available on the council website at:

<http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions>

(Right click and open hyperlink)

The closing date for applications is Monday 15th January 2024.

Failure to apply on time for school places will affect your chances of obtaining a place for your child at your preferred school.

Reception 2024 - New Parent Open Sessions

Thursday 19th October - 9.30 to 10.30am

Thursday 9th November – 9.30 – 10.30am

Thursday 9th November – 6 – 7pm.

If you know any family who is looking for a school place and would like to come and have a look around our school, please pass on this information.

Some highlights of the learning across our school this term.

Year 5 Trip to the New Walk Museum

Year 5 went to New Walk Museum in Leicester on Tuesday 3rd October. They took part in an Ancient Egypt workshop where they handled ancient artefacts, learnt about the mummies and what food the Egyptians ate. The children also showed enthusiasm when exploring the rest of the museum - with the dinosaur gallery and animal exhibitions firm favourites!

Year 1 – Science

Year 1 have been learning about different materials and their properties in Science this term. We finished our learning by investigating which material would make the best waterproof coat for a gingerbread man. We had lots of fun wrapping gingerbread men in different materials and simulating rain showers with pipets. Unfortunately, a few gingerbread men did not survive the testing process but we had lots and lots of fun.

MacMillan Cancer Support

Class 6 St Catherine hosted a raffle and raised a wonderful £81.85 towards the Macmillan charity. The lucky winner of the Macmillan cupcakes was Arabella in Year 6 who said she had a lovely weekend sharing these tasty treats with her family and friends and is proud to support the cause. To raise further awareness of the charity, 6C lead a worship that gave key information about how Macmillan supports those fighting cancer as well as the importance of Macmillan nurses.

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Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been busy in Art creating 3D structures in the image of a Roman god using foil. We then used this to help draw the figure and its shadow using the new shading techniques we learnt earlier this term.

During our Science unit about teeth and digestion, we investigated the step-by-step journey of food through the digestive system.

Year 3 - Harvest Festival

Our School Harvest Festival was celebrated on Friday 6th October, led by our Year 3 classes. Once again, we were amazed at the generosity of our school community. Anna from the McCarthy Dixon Foundation joined us on the day and told us how our donations would be put to good use in the local community.

Internet Safety – SEND children

Below is a useful link to the NSPCC website giving information about on-line safety for families and children with SEND

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

Family Learning

Family Learning courses offer free, fun opportunities for parents, carers and children to learn together. All courses are taught by experienced, qualified teachers who will help to identify learning aims for you and your children in a safe, friendly environment.

Parents and carers can attend courses in local libraries throughout Northamptonshire.

Find more information about the courses and book at [Family Learning courses](#)

P.E. Kits, P.E. Days and School Uniform

Children should wear blue/black shorts and a white T-shirt (no fashion/football logos please). As the weather is getting chilly, navy/black joggers and sweatshirts can be worn. Please find attached our school uniform and P.E. kit list for your reference.

Our P.E. days are as follows:

Year Group	P.E. Day
EYFS	Friday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday

**Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.
Lost property boxes are in our school porch.**



Absence in Term Time

As you will be aware the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows the Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time **only in “exceptional circumstances”**. If you take your child out of school this will be recorded as unauthorised leave. In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence of 5 consecutive school days, the Education Welfare Service will be notified of the holiday taken and a Penalty Notice may be issued. You can find our full Attendance Policy on the school website: www.allsaintscevakingssthorpe.org.uk under the tab: About Us – School Policies.

Kingswood Catering

Just a reminder to order your child's lunches on line at Kingswood Catering **before midnight on the Wednesday before the week they are required**. This reduces wastage of food and saves admin time. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme in Year Reception to Year 2, please order on line. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Hill in the Office. Please find attached a recent letter sent out to all Parents and Carers about Pupil Premium for your information.

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Diary Dates

Below are some of the events happening in school up to December. Please be aware that these may be subject to change and there will be more dates to follow.

October	
Thurs 19 th	Reception Tour – Sept 2024
Mon 23rd to Fri 27th	Half Term
Monday 29 th	School Opens
Tues 31st	Application for Secondary School place in Sept 2024 closing date
	Swimming starts for Class 5 St Cecelia
Thurs 2 nd	Year 6 trip to Peterborough Cathedral – All Saints Day

Thurs 9 th	EYFS Tour - Sept 2024 – 9.30 – 10.30am and 6 to 7PM
	Parents Evening – Year 6 only - 3.30 – 6pm
Fri 10 th	Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Day
Thurs 16 th	Parents Evening – 3.30 – 6pm
Fri 17 th	Children In Need
Thurs 23 rd	School Photographer – Individual photos
December	
Tues 5 th to Fri 8 th	Year 6 Residential
Thurs 7 th	Flu vaccination – Reception to Year 6
Fri 8 th	EYFS Nativity – details nearer the time
Thurs 14 th	Advent Service 6pm – Years 3 to 6
Tues 19 th	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 20th	End of School Term – 3.15pm

School Uniform and Dress Code

Girls' Uniform

- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo
- Dark grey skirt, pinafore dress, culottes or tailored trousers.
- Gold polo shirt with school logo
- Summer uniform – royal blue and white check or striped dress.
- Plain royal blue baseball cap (optional)
- Black shoes
- Girls may wear white socks or thick black/navy or cream tights.

Boys' Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt with school logo
- Dark grey trousers
- Gold polo shirt with school logo
- Plain royal blue baseball cap (optional)
- Black shoes
- Dark socks

Sportswear for Boys and Girls

- Royal blue or black shorts
- White T-shirt
- Black joggers
- Trainers
- School cardigan or sweatshirt with logo

Hair tiebacks, Alice bands and hair slides in school colours – blue/white or yellow.

A maximum of one pair of stud earrings which need to be removed or taped over for P.E./Sports activities.

Multiple earrings and any other body piercing, make up, nail varnish, hair colouring or high-profile haircuts are not acceptable whilst at All Saints Primary School.

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